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TOPIC Finsterwalde Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. Three twin-engine aircraft were parked in front of each hanger of the Finsterwalde (E 52/A 15) airfield (location see Annex) and about 15 more twin-engine planes were observed in the southeastern corner of the field, making a total of about 33 aircraft. In addition to these aircraft five or six twin-engine planes were continually aloft between 8:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. Visibility was about 10 kilometers and the cloud cover was 800 to 1,000 meters. The aircraft took off individually, local flights and formation flying being practiced. Individual planes sometimes towed air sleeves, dropping them over the field before they landed.

2. Description of twin-engine planes:

Low-wing monoplane fitted with in-line engines, tapering wings, oval double rudder assembly, nose not glazed, two cockpits, one beginning forward of the leading edge of wings, the other extending from the middle of the wing chord to the trailing edge, both slightly curved. Section of fuselage forward of wings longer than that aft of wings, main landing gear and tail wheel retractable, no armament seen, antenna suspended between the two cockpits and on both sides of tail assembly, coat of paint gray, engine cowling blue, some of the planes had red propeller hubs. There were also planes with only one cockpit beginning forward of the leading edge of wings terminating in a slight curve about the middle of the wing chord. Otherwise these aircraft were of the same type as those described above.

3. No AAA emplacements were observed at or near the field. A German firm did excavation and concreting work on the building site at the southeastern corner of the field. Twelve railroad cars loaded with cement were observed being pulled to the building site.

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4. The kasernes in the woods southwest of the field were occupied. All the motor vehicles proceeding to the airfield were parked at the parking lot in front of the kasernes and did not enter the field. Soviet documents were found at the parking lot.

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a. Report supplements another [REDACTED] * 25X1X
Essential is the description of the twin-engine aircraft. The statement that most of the aircraft were fitted with two cockpits and did not have a glazed cockpit leads to the conclusion that they were not Ie-2s but possibly a new series of the Ie-3 design. It is not clear whether this aircraft type will be used as a bomber, a long-range fighter or a reconnaissance plane. The mentioned documents contained the [REDACTED] 5X1A
[REDACTED] * Other wise their content is immaterial.

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b. Reference is made to the Comment on a previous report.*

1 Annex: Finsterwalde Airfield.

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